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first two directors, very honestly and capably and intelligently. He has earned the respect of all Nebraskans. He is calm, and cool, and level-headed under pressure and under fire, he's the kind of individual we need in that position, and I want to say that I have been involved in a number of activities on the floor of this Legislature in reference to the creation of an agency or the allocation of responsibilities. I do not know of any activity in which I have been engaged where I have been more satisfied than with the activities of the Department of Environmental Control. In fact, I have been pleased and proud of their activities, and that goes for, to the best of my knowledge, every member of the council that has ever served and every director. There have been some concerns expressed that Mr. Dan Drain would not adequately and honorably represent the interests of conservation individuals. I disagree with that point of view, and I would like to let you know that there are others who disagree with it also. I did receive a number of letters from individuals who expressed concern that he would not be a fair representative of conservation interests. I received equally as many letters, if not more letters, from individuals who expressed strong support for the appointment of Mr. Drain in that key position. I, myself, wrote a letter to Governor Orr and commended her for the appointment. I believed at that time he was an excellent choice, I believe it now, and I strongly recommend his confirmation. I recognize the legitimate concerns of some of my colleagues, and I'm sure they will speak to you in reference to that. But I do not believe that anyone can find, if they research the record, any single time that Mr. Dan Drain did not act honestly and fairly in his capacity as Chairman of the Department of Environmental Control. I would hope that you would approve his confirmation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Could we have it a little quieter, please, so we can hear the speakers. Senator Rod Johnson, please, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, as Senator Schmit has indicated, there was a 5 to 1 vote on the confirmation of this individual. As the one lone dissenting vote, I feel compelled, at least this morning, to speak on the reasons why I chose to vote opposite my colleagues on this appointment. As many of you probably know, the council is made up of 16 individuals, all 16 coming from separate or different and distinct disciplines to, hopefully, bring to the council a perspective different from the other 15 members. The one seat